

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of May 11, 2004

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in the Genealogy Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sylvia Hoke, Joe Kerley, Cynthia Eades, Joyce Beatty, Eve Agee, Carolyn Setzer and Karen Foss, Library Director.

Sylvia Hoke called the meeting to order.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as written.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Karen Foss presented the Library Director's Report as information. Ms. Foss reported the following:

- In compiling all branch circulation statistics, comparing this fiscal year to last fiscal year, circulation totals for this year far exceeds last year's totals. Charts were distributed to the Library Board showing the overall circulation increase.
- Main Library renovation project has begun. The project is progressing on schedule. There was a discussion. The architectural drawings were available for review.
- The Library System's 2004-2005 budget hearing with the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for May 24 at 4:15 p.m. in the Catawba County 1924 Courthouse.
- April 18 – 24 is National Library Week and County Government Week.
- April is Amnesty Month. Late fees will not be charged on overdue items turned in during April at any of the branches.
- 2004 Summer Reading Program registration begins on Monday, May 17th. The theme is "*Discover New Trails @ Your Library.*" Children are encouraged to come and enjoy the programming and encouraged to continue reading throughout the summer.
- The City of Newton donated library bags to the library. Each Board member was given a bag. Ms. Foss acknowledged the library's appreciation to the City of Newton for their ongoing support.

Friends Groups

Ms. Foss reported that there are *Friends of the Library* groups at Newton, Sherrills Ford and Claremont; Maiden is currently trying to organize a group. It was noted that Friends groups are a great support to the library system and that hopefully, there will be groups at all branch locations in the future.

Conover/Claremont Increased Hours

Ms. Foss reported that the 2004-2005 budget recommendations includes hour expansion for Claremont and Conover branches from 20 hours per week to 28 hours per week.

Other Business

Sylvia Hoke inquired about future plans and expansion of the Maiden Library. Ms. Foss noted that this issue was addressed in the FreemanWhite study. She also noted that it was recommended in the study that there be discussions with the Town of Maiden for permanent assumption of the adjacent meeting room. Ms. Foss reported that the Collection Development Specialist is in the process of weeding the collection and adding new materials to make the collection top quality for the space allowed.

Ms. Foss reported that County administrators considered the recommendation of the Library Board for "No Excuse Voting" to be held in a location other than the library, but finding no other location available had no alternative but to house the "No Excuse Voting" at the Newton Library: June 30 through July 31. Ms. Foss demonstrated the new voting machine to the Board.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Next meeting: August 10, 2004, 12:00 Noon, Main Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shull, Secretary